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(HUNT, BILLY L), (MOTTA, TONI A)

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE ARGENTINE
FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING W/W OF U.S. CITIZENS BILLY LEE
HUNT, JON PIRMIN AROZARENA, AND TONI AGATINA MOTTA AND
MURDER OF U.S. CITIZEN JOHN PATRICK EGAN.

REF: (A) 83 BUENOS AIRES 4322, (B) 83 BUENOS AIRES 8899 LOU

1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF 24 MAY 83 AND
AS PROMISED IN REFTTEL B, WE PLAN TO AGAIN REQUEST
INFORMATION REGARDING THE WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF THREE
AMERICAN CITIZENS, BILLY LEE HUNT, JON PIRMIN AROZARENA,
AND TONI AGATINA MOTTA, MISSING AND PRESUMED SEIZED BY
ARGENTINE MILITARY AUTHORITIES DURING THE SO-CALLED "WAR
AGAINST SUBVERSION". THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INDICATED
LAST JUNE THAT IT HAD NO INFORMATION ON THESE CASES. IT
ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN INFORMATION/LOCATE THESE INDIVIDUALS.

2. THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE WE WILL BE SENDING IN ABOUT A
WEEK'S TIME WILL ALSO REQUEST THAT THE GOA PURSUE ITS
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INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY, APPREHEND AND BRING TO TRIAL
THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF U.S.

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CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN, KILLED IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA ON FEBRUARY 26, 1975. THOUGH THE MONTONERO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CLAIMED IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY, NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN IN RECENT COMMUNICATION WITH THE FAMILIES OF ALL THREE MISSING AMERICANS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY HAVE RECEIVED ANY NEW INFORMATION. IN ALL CASES, THE REPLY WAS NEGATIVE.

4. COPIES OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY TO CA/OCS/EMR AND ARA/SC.

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